

(c) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply to a person who:

(1) Holds or applies for a permit to construct a water intake pipe or structure to withdraw water from the Potomac River; and

(2) Returns all or a majority of the water withdrawn to the Potomac River within 3 miles of the point of withdrawal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to preempt, prevail over, or prohibit adoption of any ordinance, resolution, law, or rule more stringent than this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

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